TAKING POSSESSION OF ALL THE REVENUE FOREST AREA IN SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT BY THE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

*Q.—720. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Forest Department has taken possession of all the Revenue Forest areas in South Kanara District and if so from what date ;

(*b*) the provision that they have made to safeguard the rights of the farmers, regarding the removal of green and dry leaves, firewood, wood for agricultural purposes and grazing their cattle ;

(*c*) whether they have demarcated any specific areas adjoining lands for this purpose or propose to do so ?

*A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(*a*) Yes, from 1st September 1960.

(*b*) All the rights in existence prior to 1st September, 1960, are being continued.

(*c*) Demarcation of boundaries has been undertaken and completed in respect of 29 blocks leaving a buffer zone of 100 yards between the patta lands and the proposed reserves.

REORGANISATION OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

*Q.—857. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have re-organised the Labour Department ; and if so, the details :

(*b*) whether the number of conciliation officers' posts have been reduced ;

(*c*) the financial implications of the said re-organisation (T. A. and D. A. drawn by the Officers since re-organisation and prior to that may be furnished) ;

(*d*) whether representations have been received that the re-organisation has led to lot of difficulties for workmen ?

*A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) Yes. The Labour Department has been re-organised in October, 1960. As a result of re-organisation, one post of Deputy Labour Commissioner and eight Class I (Junior Scale) posts designated as Assistant Labour Commissioners have been created. Four Assistant Labour Commissioners have been posted at the Head Office to be in charge of the four sections.